GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN IMPORT OF MUSTARD OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Government proposes to increase the import of mustard oil in view of the decline in the area under oilseeds production; and

(b) If so, the details thereof indicating the quantum likely to be imported alongwith the countries identified therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): In order to ensure adequate supply of edible oils in the domestic market, the Government has permitted import of edible oils including mustard oil (excluding Coconut Oil) under Open General Licence (OGL).The quantum of imports depends upon commercial judgement of the importers. Presently, there is no proposal to import Mustard Oil on Government account.